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Dear Mr. Jackson:

This is in response to your letter received 21 February 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/868,780 filed 21 June 2001. The application has been processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and a Notification of Acceptance of Application (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) has been issued. A copy of such application is attached herewith for your convenience. Further inquiries with regard to this application may be addressed to William Dixon, the Special Program Examiner of Tech Center 1621 at telephone number (703) 308-3824.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

- Copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/903